

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim + 55 wherein the creating a record of the dispensing step results in the automatic deduction of the at least one medication from an inventory list saved on the database.
3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the automatic deduction triggers an automatic reordering of the at least one medication from the database if the automatic deduction results in the inventory listing for that medication being less than a predetermined level assigned on the database for that medication.
4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the creating a record of the dispensing step results in the automatic charging of the cost of the at least one medication to an invoice saved on the database for the patient selected.
5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 54 wherein the ~~saving-step~~ creating a record of the issuing of the at least one supply results in the automatic deduction of the at least one supply from an inventory list saved on the database.
6. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the automatic deduction triggers an automatic reordering of the at least one supply from the database if the automatic deduction results in the inventory listing for that supply being less than a predetermined level assigned on the database for that supply.
7. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the ~~saving-step~~ creating a record of the issuing of the at least one supply results in the automatic charging of the cost of the at least one supply to an invoice saved on the database for the patient selected.

8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~[[7]]~~ 54 additionally comprising the step of logging the user onto the database by inputting information to the device.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by scanning a user barcode assigned to the user.

10. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by typing a user ID and password on a menu of the device.

11. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~[[8]]~~ 55 wherein the ~~step of~~ dispensing at least one medication to the patient is done by scanning ~~a bar codes~~ code associated with the at least one medication.

12. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~[[8]]~~ 55 wherein the ~~step of~~ dispensing at least one medication to the patient is done by selecting the at least one medication from a menu on the device.

13. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~[[8]]~~ 54 wherein the ~~step of~~ issuing at least one supply to the patient is done by scanning ~~a bar codes~~ code associated with the at least one supply.

14. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~[[8]]~~ 54 wherein the ~~step of~~ issuing at least one supply to the patient is done by selecting the at least one ~~medical/surgical~~ supply from a menu on the device.

15. (currently amended) A method of issuing medical/surgical supplies at one location using a device capable of ~~dispensing and~~ administering medication at another location, comprising:
recording the identity of the supply location;
selecting a patient for whom at least one medical/surgical supply will be issued;
issuing at least one medical/surgical supply; and
saving a record of the at least one medical/surgical supply issued to the patient selected.

16. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 15 wherein the saving ~~step~~ results in the automatic deduction of the at least one medical/surgical supply from an inventory list saved on a database.

17. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 16 wherein the automatic deduction triggers an automatic reordering of the at least one medical/surgical supply from the database if the automatic deduction results in the inventory listing for that supply being less than a critical level assigned on the database for that supply.

18. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein the saving ~~step~~ results in the automatic charging of the cost of the at least one medical/surgical supply to an invoice saved on the database for the patient selected.

19. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 18 additionally comprising ~~the step of~~ logging the user onto the database through a menu on the device.

20. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by scanning a user barcode assigned to the user.

21. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by typing a user ID and password on a menu of the device.

22. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the ~~step of~~ recording the identity of the supply location is done by scanning a bar code associated with the supply location.

23. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the ~~step of~~ selecting a patient for whom at least one medical/surgical supply will be issued is done by selecting a patient from a menu of the device.

24. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the ~~step of~~ issuing at least one medical/surgical supply is done by scanning bar codes associated with the at least one medical/surgical supply to be issued.

25. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the ~~step of~~ issuing the at least one medical/surgical supply is done by selecting the at least one medical/surgical supply from a menu on the device.

26. (currently amended) A method of issuing medical/surgical supplies at one location using a device capable of ~~dispensing and~~ administering medication at a another location, comprising:

- recording the identity of the supply location;
- inputting information about a patient to the device for whom at least one medical/surgical supply will be issued;
- selecting a supply folder from a menu of the device;
- issuing at least one medical/surgical supply; and
- saving a record of the at least one medical/surgical supply issued to the patient selected.

27. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 26 wherein the saving ~~step~~ results in the automatic deduction of the at least one medical/surgical supply from an inventory list saved on a database.

28. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 27 wherein the automatic deduction triggers an automatic reordering of the at least one medical/surgical supply from the database if the automatic deduction results in the inventory listing for that supply being less than a critical level assigned on the database for that supply.

29. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 28 wherein the saving ~~step~~ results in the automatic charging of the cost of the at least one medical/surgical supply to an invoice saved on the database for the patient selected.

30. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 29 additionally comprising ~~the step of~~ logging the user onto the database through a menu on the device.

31. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by scanning a user barcode assigned to the user.

32. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by typing a user ID and password on a menu of the device.

33. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~step of~~ recording the identity of the supply location is done by scanning a bar code associated with the supply location.

34. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~step of~~ inputting information about a patient is done by selecting a patient from a menu of the device.

35. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~step of~~ issuing at least one medical/surgical supply is done by scanning bar codes associated with the at least one medical/surgical supply.

36. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 30 wherein the ~~step of~~ issuing at least one medical/surgical supply is done by selecting the at least one medical/surgical supply from a menu of the device.

37. (cancelled)

38. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~37~~ 57 wherein the ~~saving step~~ creating a record of dispensing a medication results in the automatic deduction of the at least one medication from an inventory list saved on ~~the~~ a database.

39. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38 wherein the automatic deduction triggers an automatic reordering of the at least one medication from the database if the automatic deduction results in the inventory listing for that medication being less than a critical level assigned on the database for that medication.

40. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 39 wherein the creating a record of dispensing a medication ~~saving the at least one medication step~~ results in the automatic charging of the cost of the at least one medication to an invoice saved on the database for the patient selected.

41. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 40 wherein the ~~saving the~~ creating a record of the issuing of at least one ~~medical/surgical~~ supply ~~step~~ results in the automatic deduction of the at least one ~~medical/surgical~~ supply from an inventory list saved on the database.

42. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 41 wherein the automatic deduction triggers an automatic reordering of the at least one ~~medical/surgical~~ supply from the database if the automatic deduction results in the inventory listing for that supply being less than a critical level assigned on the database for that supply.

43. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 42 wherein the ~~saving the~~ creating a record of the issuing of at least one ~~medical/surgical~~ supply ~~step~~ results in the automatic charging of the cost of the at least one ~~medical/surgical~~ supply to an invoice saved on the database for the patient selected.

44. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 43 56 additionally comprising ~~the step~~ of logging ~~the~~ a user onto ~~the~~ a database through a menu on the device.

45. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by scanning a user barcode assigned to the user.

46. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the ~~step of~~ logging the user onto the database is accomplished by typing a user ID and password on a menu of the device.

47. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 43 57 wherein the ~~step of inputting information to the device about~~ selecting at least one medication ~~to be dispensed and administered~~ is done by scanning a bar code ~~codes~~ associated with the at least one medication.

48. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 43 57 wherein the ~~step of inputting information to the device about~~ selecting at least one medication ~~to be dispensed and administered~~ is done by selecting the at least one medication from a menu of the device.

49. (cancelled)

50. (cancelled)

51. (cancelled)

52. (currently amended) A device for dispensing and administering medications and issuing medical/supply items comprising:

a barcode scanner for reading information;

a touch screen;

a radio communications unit for transmitting information; and

a processor in communication with said scanner, touch screen and communications unit, said processor being programmed to enable the device to perform the following functions: dispensing medications, administering medications and issuing medical/surgical supplies all at different locations.

53. cancelled

54. (new) A method of administering medications and issuing supplies using a single, portable device communicating with a database, comprising:

selecting a patient using the device;

selecting one of medications and supplies;

and in the case of medications:

going to the patient's room;

administering at least one medication to the patient; and

creating a record of the administering of the at least one medication to the selected patient using the device;

and in the case of supplies:

going to a supply room where supplies are located;

issuing at least one supply to the selected patient; and

creating a record of the issuing of the at least one supply to the selected patient using the device.

55. (new) The method of claim 54 additionally comprising, in the case of medications, dispensing at least one medication for the selected patient and creating a record of the dispensing.

56. (new) A method of administering medications and issuing supplies using a wireless device, comprising:

- in the case of medications,
 - going to a patient's room;
 - creating a record of administration by scanning a patient bar code, a caregiver bar code and a medication bar code with the wireless device; and
- in the case of supplies,
 - going to a supply location;
 - creating a record of issuing at least one supply by selecting a patient, scanning a bar code representative of the supply location and scanning a bar code associated with the supply.

57. (new) The method of claim 56 additionally comprising creating a record of dispensing a medication by selecting a patient and selecting at least one medication with the wireless device.

58. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein the selecting a patient is done by selecting the patient from a menu of the device.

59. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein the selecting a patient is done by scanning a patient bar code.

60. (new) The method of claim 56 wherein the selecting a patient is done by typing in a patient name.